

## WAITING ON GOD

REV. DR. J. C. QUINN

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31.)

There is one thing I am afraid that we, as Christians, do not take care to do regularly. I mean we do not recognize the importance of seasons of retirement to quietly wait upon God in prayer, reading of the Holy Scriptures, and meditation.

There can be no question, but that we ought to set apart daily a regular season for this "waiting on God."

Methinks I hear a busy brother say: "I have so much to do; there are so many things demanding attention." No doubt of it, my busy friend, but ought not the most important interest receive first attention?

"Yes, most assuredly," you reply.

"Is not your soul's welfare the most important matter now in hand?" God thinks it is, for He exhorts you: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). We have many illustrious examples of this habit of "waiting on God."

Daniel the Prophet, the late Colonel Gardner, and the late lamented General Gordon—all busy men—much busier than you claim to be—all found time in very responsible positions, *daily* and *regularly*, for quietly "waiting on God."

It seems to me, we miss much, very much of the comfort of the Holy Ghost by hurrying thru our seasons of devotion and Bible study.

Did it ever occur to you that Saul, King of Israel, lost the kingdom by being in a hurry, by not waiting a little longer.

A few minutes more and Samuel the Prophet would have been on hand to offer sacrifice, but Saul could not wait, and displeased Jehovah (I Sam. 13:8-14).

Take another illustration of the results of "hurry" and the reward of patient "waiting on God." We find it in John 20:3-18. Here we learn that three followers of the blessed Lord went to the tomb of Jesus the morning of the resurrection, seeking for *One* who they fondly hoped might be there to gratify their utmost desire. Two of them, Peter and John, "ran thither," one looked into the sepulchre on his arrival, the other went right into it; but neither found what he sought, and they both at once returned home again. But the third, "Mary" sat without the sepulchre, weeping. There was in this case the silent waiting of love, and she had her reward. Looking into the sepulchre, she saw the Angel and soon after she met the Lord. She enjoyed the privilege of hearing the first resurrection word spoken to any human soul—"Mary." She waited long enough. In her case the word was specially fulfilled; "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength."

Dear reader, are we not too often like the two disciples, in a hurry? Oh how much we miss in our hurry, worry and worldly excitement, and even in our Church activities!

Some worldly engagement calls us, and

we neglect our accustomed season of communion with Jesus, we miss the blessing He would have given us, and our soul grows lean.

Let us be like Mary: let us wait till Christ comes, and *when* He comes He will fill our souls with His joy, peace, and strength, and we will go about our daily task work singing in our hearts, "In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."

With St. Paul we will be able to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Remember, that time devoted to communion with God—waiting on God—is not lost. "Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors." "Wait on the Lord; be strong, and let thine heart take courage." "Wait, I say, on the Lord."—*Living Church*.

## Missions

## Report Pa. Home Mission Board

Amount previously reported,	\$14.17
Mokee and Altoona per W. L. Spanogle,	5.00
Elk Lick per L. A. Hazlett,	5.00
Fredericksburg, Liberty, etc.,	14.96
Glade Run, per D. J. Bole,	1.20
S. H. Buzard and wife,	2.00
Robert Whitaker and daughter,	.50
J. B. Wampler and wife,	.50
Cherry Hill church,	6.92
Total to February 1st,	\$50.25

This is not very flattering indeed, and I fear the Brethren did not heed the call from the treasurer, and notice of the fact that we need it to fill calls that ought to be filled that would bring good results. I will receipt publicly only unless price accompanies remittance.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Secretary.

## Among the Churches

## Vincennes, Pa.

Our meeting at Vincennes closed on last Sunday evening. It was a very good meeting thru-out, marked by a spiritual sentiment and zeal of which the cause is worthy. Just before the special service began we admitted two into church relationship by letter. On Sunday afternoon we baptized six candidates in a flowing stream near the church, and have one applicant to baptize yet in the near future. Two were reclaimed and two others have their letters ready to deposit. If I am not greatly mistaken, several who have not yet professed faith in Christ publicly will come into the church soon as a result of seed sown. The several appointments have extended a unanimous call to me to remain with them another year which I have somewhat reluctantly accepted. Hope our second year's work may be blessed of God in bringing many souls to Christ. The outlook is encouraging.

J. L. BOWMAN.

## Elkhart, Ind.

Our meeting at Salem, Ind., closed on Sunday evening, January 27, after having had 28 services. The immediate results were seven confessions, and one by letter, eight in all. Besides a deeper work of grace in each member's heart. From beginning to end the attendance was large and the interest excellent. At the close of the services they presented me with a purse of \$28.00 for which they have my sincere thanks. Each one was so kind and did their part so well, that I can assure them of my true love and respect, and shall strive to do the very best in my power to see the work go on.

The S. S. C. E. of this place have placed two beautiful gasoline lamps in the church and expect to re-carpet the floor in the spring, also new pulpit chairs. This organization is doing a noble work thru-out the entire brotherhood and should receive encouragement from every pastor. Let the pastors appoint the person in each congregation as requested by Mrs. G. Leslie and the S. S. C. E. will still be able to do a greater work, for the incoming year. I have one more meeting yet to hold, but do not know how soon I will be physically able to do so; quite soon I hope. Rejoicing that the work is progressing so nicely thru out the brotherhood, let us still strive to do greater things "for Christ and the church."

L. O. HUBBARD.

## Spiritual Gleanings

On yesterday evening we closed our meeting at Loree, Ind., after three weeks and one night. The first week was rainy and dark; we were rained entirely out one night; another hindrance that we had to contend with was sickness, colds and La-grip. In fact there was not a home but some one was complaining. And yet I praise his holy name it was the best meeting we have enjoyed with the church at this place, altho it was the fifth protracted meeting we have held for them and I think one among the best we ever enjoyed. Immediate results, fifteen precious souls, ten of them heads of families, one young man and four young ladies. Three of this number were good loyal fathers to their families but were standing outside the church while the mothers were inside playing the Christian as best they could for the entire family, and while they have been loyal and prayerful we now rejoice with them that they now have them as helpers spiritually as well as temporally, and they all come from good families. I feel while there are only fifteen yet they will be a wonderful help in the church, and I rejoice that the revival was not only a gathering in from the outside but in the church as well. It was a very common expression, "Are we not having a good meeting?" But while the joys are ours unto him who loved us and redeemed us do we ascribe all praise and honor and glory. But while many of our hearts were aglow with joy, in the home of brother and sister Wilbur Glassburn were sorrow and heartaches. Their only darling little son was wrestling with something like lung fever and on the 23 inst., death claimed it as its victim. The large congregation that attended the funeral showed the sympathy the entire community had for them. While there is a cloud gathering over them we tried to point them to that precious Savior that said, "Suffer the children to come unto me."

D. A. HOPKINS.

## Lakeville, Ind

I expect it is my duty to send in some kind of a report from La Paz Brethren church. We have had only one sermon preached in our church this winter and that was preached on Saturday evening by Brother Flora. I was unable to attend that meeting but heard it highly spoken of by those that were present. Brother Flora did much to encourage those that were there.

We are getting very anxious to see our dear pastor again, and we thank the Lord for restoring him to health, but we do not want him to venture into hard work too soon. We are not going to die without a preacher, we know too well what it means to have communion and fellowship with the blessed Master.

We re-organized our Sunday-school the first of January, and brother S. C. Hostetler is our superintendent and one that feels the responsibility of being such an officer of the school. I think our *Quarterlies* are just fine and the *EVANGELIST* is a *perfect jewel*. I often wonder how any member of the church can do without it. I have taken it ever since I belong to church and I wrote my first letter in the children's column, and it has been improving right along, until that "Twentieth Century No." suddenly reached the climax.

There has been much sickness and death around